

## PREPARING FOR BIRTH

## The Development of the Birth Preparedness Package



*Jeevan Suraksha*Contains

BPP flipchart: Saving for delivery

Flip chart & Key
Chain

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Training Curriculum

for Community mobilisers

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"How-to" guides for community mobilisers, supporters and managers

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Implementation Guidelines

guide for donors, INGOs and NGOs implementing the Jeevan Suraksha The *Jeevan Suraksha* (Birth Preparedness Package - BPP) flipchart is a tool to encourage family and community level *planning* for normal pregnancies and deliveries, as well as for obstetric emergencies, should they occur.

The *Jeevan Suraksha* flipchart comprises of 15 1pictures and will be disseminated in 2 formats: a counseling flipchart to be used by community mobilizers and health care workers; and a small, playing card size set on a key-chain for the pregnant woman. The key chain format utilizes a Nepali custom in which women display key-chains as a symbol of empowerment.

The *Jeevan Suraksha* is a complete collection of tools aimed at assisting managers to implement a programme aimed at encouraging pregnant women, their families and communities to plan for normal pregnancies and deliveries and for emergencies if they occur. To reach women in their communities, the *Jeevan Suraksha* is designed to be implemented through community mobilizers and health care providers, such as Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHV), Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) or Maternal Child Health Workers (MCHWs) who will receive training in how to use the *Jeevan Suraksha* to mobilize people to plan for birth. Community mobilizers and service providers who acquire advocacy skills will also help foster greater linkages between communities and the formal health sector. As a result of its comprehensive and participatory approach from development to implementation, the *Jeevan Suraksha* can have wide impact for sustainable changes in maternal and neonatal health and survival.

